

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 3, with the following amended paragraph.

--The C-aperture structure 22 generally includes opposing arm members 38 connected together at an end by a waist member 40. The opposing arm members 38 are provided adjacent the front 30 and back 32 edges of the main magnetic pole 12, while the waist member 40 is provided adjacent the trailing edge 36 of the main magnetic pole 12. As a result of this configuration, the light propagating through the C-aperture structure 22 will be collected in that portion of the dielectric layer 26 adjacent to the trailing edge surface 36 of the main magnetic pole 12 at the air bearing surface 21 of the recording head 10, and incident upon the recording medium from a same side of the recording medium as the main magnetic pole 12.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 10, with the following amended paragraph.

--The main magnetic pole 12 includes a pole tip portion 41 adjacent the air bearing surface 21 of the recording head 10. The C-aperture structure 22 is provided about at least two edges of the main magnetic pole 12 at the pole tip portion 41 thereof. However, the C-aperture structure 22 may be provided about the main magnetic pole 12 at other portions thereof without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention.--